

B. F. McElwee was in town Saturday.

Marshall County will build a \$25,000 jail.

George P. Richardson is in Bath this week.

Mrs. A. C. Echard is visiting her father in Nelson County.

W. B. King has returned from a week's visit at Fairmount.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Yeager, a daughter, February 18, 1904.

Squire and Mrs. George R. Curry of the Levels spent a few days in town this week.

S. L. Carter was called to his home at Clifton Forge on account of the illness of his mother.

Mr. McNeel of Mill Point, is spending the week with his son, T. B. McNeel.

L. M. McClinton and Andrew Price are in Charleston, where Supreme Court is in session.

J. C. Doby and W. H. Grose of Huntersville were in town Monday attending quarterly conference.

It cost the State of West Virginia over \$2,000 to convey the recent batch of convicts from Fayette County to the penitentiary.

The Savings Department of the Bank of Marlinton is doing a nice business but they want all the young people of the County to have one of their handsome safes.

At a recent meeting of the stockholders of the Monterey and Staunton Telephone Company, E. M. Arbogast was elected President, and A. W. Arbogast General Manager.

Owing to the habitual custom of taking cocaine in the southwestern portion of the State, the city council of Bluefield has restricted the drug stores in granting license from selling the drug.

W. A. Judy, station master, has been removed to a station on the main line of the C. & O. His place has been taken by a Mr. Sydney, from Staunton, an experienced railway man.

The President has had to take water in the Indianapolis post office affair. He closed the post office because the people refused to receive mail from the negro postmaster. Last week a white postmaster was appointed.

Miss Nora Wilson, the trained nurse, who has been at Lewisburg the past two weeks nursing in the Lewisburg Female Institute during the recent epidemic of measles and mumps, is now in Marlinton. She intends to make this headquarters.

Two more announcements for assessor this week from the extremes of the county. Both men are disabled. Mr. Smith having lost a hand in a corn shredder about a year ago, and Mr. Kerr was badly crippled in the lumber woods by being knocked from a skidway by a runaway trail.

Marlinton is now assured of an up-to-date hotel. Stock to the amount of \$10,000 has been subscribed and a charter will be issued this week. The location has not been definitely decided upon but the site of the Pocahontas Bank is the one proposed. The building will be of brick, three stories high and modern in its equipments.

We suppose all of us have that dry burning sore throat just where the neck and chin join, this week. If the ache ain't in the throat it's in the back of the neck, or a low tooth, in the chest or a frozen heel. No matter what part of the anatomy it affects it is the same pain and the recent changeable weather is in no small degree answerable for it. Had we not made a solemn vow not to make light of serious things, an opportunity would have been presented for saying that the responsibility for all this suffering is to be laid at the mouth of the ground hog's underground abode.

TRIED, CONVICTED SENTENCED

Henry Williams, the Roanoke Negro to be hung March 18.

Tried, convicted sentenced is Henry Williams, the black fiend who assaulted Mrs. Shields in Roanoke three weeks ago. Surrounded by 700 State troops, he was put on trial at Roanoke Tuesday. He pleaded not guilty, but evidence of his guilt was so clear that he was found guilty and sentenced to hang March 18. He is now in Lynchburg for safe keeping. The question naturally arises, if justice can be meted out without delay in one instance, why not in all? We admit that exceptional cases arise wherein time is required for the wheels of the law to revolve, but the cause of justice is almost invariably retarded rather than advanced, by delay attached in the name of the cause. The meting out of punishment to criminals is not so much for the good of the transgressor, but as a warning to others so inclined. Does not the law, defeat its own ends and is not the punishment of criminals in vain if it is carried out in such a manner as to cause people to lose respect for the law and its punishment and the lawless element be assured that by the use of money and time, the ends of justice will miscarry. That there is a decline in respect of the law is evinced by the increase of law breaking, and the lack of confidence in the law by the law abiding is shown the lynching, or attempt to lynch, of any one who has outraged public peace and dignity to the extent of engendering feeling. Let the law be too severe rather if it will restore respect for and confidence in it.

D. A. Peck.

Died at his home at Lobelia, Monday, Feb. 15, 1904, D. A. Peck, aged about sixty-five years. He was a native of Greenbrier but for a long number of years has lived in Pocahontas. He had a teacher of schools in early life, but of late his attention has been given to agriculture. He has been an invalid and his death was due to the culmination of diseases of years standing. He was a consistent Christian, a member of the M. E. Church South. He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter. His wife is a daughter of the late Squire John and Mrs. Peggy Gay who lived near Marlinton.

Train Wrecker Rescued

John Kenn, the Staunton train wrecker, who was sentenced to hang last Friday has been given a respite until March 11. Governor Montagu refused to commute the sentence upon the presentation of the first petition though signed by nearly four hundred citizens. The action was taken in response to a petition gotten up by the Staunton Spectator, whose management have been indefatigable in their efforts to save Kennedy's neck. Kennedy is not yet twenty-one years old and has been conclusively proven that he was merely the tool in the hands of a woman named Bailey, who is now serving a sentence.

Tharp-Holmes.

On Feb. 3, 1904 at the residence of J. W. Tharp near Lovelock, Mr. Allan T. Tharp and Miss Sabina F. Holmes, Rev. C. M. Anderson officiating. This worthy young couple have the best wishes of their many friends for their future happiness and prosperity in life.

Wagner-Beverage.

Mr. Walter W. Wagner and Miss Emma Beverage were married at Elk Hotel last Tuesday morning.

Rev. J. D. Pope officiating, after the ceremony the young couple started for Cass, where they will make their future home.

Friendship is very nice indeed, and ever appreciated. Florence our little daughter is fast recovering from the effects of a large dose of headache, tablets which she took, and we thank Drs. J. W. Price and J. M. Yeager for their faithful work to save her. We also thank our friends and neighbors for all the kindness shown Florence, and for all the help that was extended during her sickness for which we feel very grateful.

MR. AND MRS. O. H. ANDERSON, pny.

RUSSIA.

Russia as Seen By One of Her Exiles. Hopes to See The Bears Claws Trimmed.

The whole world is looking on and applauding the Japanese in the plucky stand they are making against the onerousness of Russia, and is glad when a well timed blow is landed at the forces of the Tsar, whose heartless cruelties are not more than equalled by the Terrible Turk. His atrocities are more aggravating in as much as he is so much more powerful and of his vaunted Christianity and piety there is hardly a community in this our land where is not an exile who has fled from oppression and persecution, and when we take the trouble to inquire, we are told of conditions which ceased to exist in other countries hundreds of years ago. When we hear of these things we are not surprised that native born Russians living in the United States are running funds to buy Japan a battle ship to be used against the country which with a proper form of government they would have called their fatherland. In speaking with a Marlinton merchant, he said we could conceive no proper idea of the existing conditions or the privations and persecutions suffered by the common people. His home people were poor and his father had the support of a large family of small children upon his shoulders. While yet a young man his health failed and he was ordered to a distant point, Kishneff, where he could procure "comes" the milk of mares, as an article of diet. His health restored, he was on the eve of returning to his family when an anti-semitic mob, if not instigated by agents of the government had at least the sanction of the authorities, made a raid upon the city and a massacre ensued. The father and husband was killed in defending a friend's property. So rigid was the censorship that the bare fact the head of the family was dead was all that was known, and that was learned from an order from the church authorities to the oldest son to pray three times a day for a whole year for rest of his father's soul in paradise. The eldest son was now of an age to take his father's place, but in a few months he would be drafted into the army for a period of five years. Destitute as the family was all possible means were employed to get him away to America. He joined a company of immigrants who put themselves in the hands of an agent, and by bribing the officials they were allowed to get out of the country and embark for America. Not until eighteen years had passed and the boy had become a prosperous merchant did he learn the particulars of his father's death.

A prominent business man of Marlinton tells the following tale as related by his grandfather. In the earlier days the fences were made by felling trees into windrows or by piling logs together. Around one of the first fields of corn to be raised in Pocahontas was one of these log fences, and in the fence was a crooked log which was hollow. One end opened on the inside of the field and the other was outside. A sandy hog found that by going through this log he would come out in the corn field. For some days it was a mystery how the hog got in the field as he would never find a place to get out. He was watched and his secret found out. The farmer did not a thing but turn the log over so that both ends opened on the outside. It was several days before the hog could realize that he was not in the field when he had passed through the log.

That life insurance is a necessity is admitted by every man with a single atom of business sense. Since this is so, the question that arises is not "shall I take out insurance," but "in what company." The answer is, in the company which offers the most inducements consistent with a safe business. The Northwestern, the young giant company of Milwaukee, has a line of insurance with all the general characteristics of the other old line companies, and many particular advantages embraced in the policies of no other company.

From the Kanawha Valley.

A young friend of mine, who takes considerable interest in politics was in a country neighborhood several years ago, preparatory to a democratic rally on the following day. There was a big ball the night of his arrival, and he put in an appearance at the dance. The fiddler and caller of the figures was a genius for original rhymes and amongst other things for "Swing partners" got off—

"Swing your gail, And I'll swing mine; And we will down The hog combine."

My friend made a hit the next day in his speech by applying the term "hog-combine" to the set of politicians who were controlling politics of Kanawha County. I have thought the term ought to have a wider usage; for something like "hog-combine" is the most expressive nomenclature for such politics as those of Quay, McKim, etc., that enters into my imagination.

The hog-combine of Kanawha is being threatened with disintegration; the cause being the insistence of many Republicans that one Cassidy, a well known honest man, shall be run for sheriff. Let this suffice for politics.

Kanawha is having a new railroad, one that bids fair to aid greatly to her material resources.

The road begins at St Albans and runs up the Coal River to the forks of the river, where it proposes to divide itself and run by separate branches up Big and Little Coal river. The road is now constructed for thirteen miles and the construction up Little Coal is progressing. It is entering one of the finest coal fields in our State—a field where the coal is of good quality and the mining cheap, and the loading inexpensive. The shipping to market can be done by barges on the Kanawha River and by the C. & O. R. R. This new road is known as Coal River and Western R. R. or C. R. & W. R. R. We hope in the course of time it will book itself on to Western roads and be constructed through to the Eastern seaboard, thus giving us an independent through route. St Albans is growing by manufacturing much of the lumber now coming down the Coal River and as the terminus of the new railroad, Milton has enjoyed the use of the two very fine gas wells for fuel, and for heat in a brick factory, and was exporting to use the wells in a glass plant there being a very fine sand for the purpose near the town. But report says that the gas has failed and that the wells are now yielding oil, is now reported. The oil may be more profitable to the owners of the wells, but for the sake of the community we hope the wells are inexhaustible gasers.

The oilfield of Putman and Cabell will be quite limited, but a very rich one. The oil men have made much talk about anti-clinals but have not gone to the fulness of their significance. The last great seismic disturbance in our Ohio and Mississippi valley or the elevation of the land that caused our waters to find an outlet in the Gulf of Mexico, made fissures in the sand, in which the oil is found, and by these fissures the oil was drawn off to Texas and other places to the west of us. The ant-clinals simply indicate that the fissures were thrown in such shape as to hold the pools of oil. Forty five degrees N. E. and S. W. are the lines which show the general trend of these fissures.

The logs kept in the boring of wells ought to be studied by our mountain people before they undertake boring with a hope of getting oil. Cow, Big Injun, and Berar sands, are the rocks in which the oil is found. These are found here just after limestone, corresponding to those of Pocahontas, Greenbrier and Monroe passed through. The report of oil found by Mr. Andrew Hanna of Greenbrier after digging 200 feet is what ought to be expected, if the oil sands remain the same. Deep digging, as was done near Price's Spring, will avail nothing if oil is the hope.

It is hard to apply the term lower to the heights of Pocahontas, but geologically considered Pocahontas is lower than Kanawha. An accurately kept log of a well dug a Winnifrede gives limestone after 1800 feet of depth to a thickness of 140 feet. That is, from 1:40 to 8000 feet will measure the geologic height of Winnifrede above Pocahontas.

A FRIEND.

Stony Creek.

We are having lots of snow and bad weather in this part, it registers below zero this morning.

There is lots of sickness.

William Sharp and wife have returned from Tennessee.

William Vanreeman from Sunset is visiting here.

Mrs. Mary Rogers who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jake Beverage, returned home last week.

C. B. Vanreeman is very sick at this time.

George Doyle is logging his timber which he bought of Amos Curry.

Penick Rider from near Mill Point was in this part over Sunday.

P. Curry went down to Lobelia whither he expects to move in the spring.

Miss May Moore who has been staying with Miss Mary Duncan returned home Sunday.

Our school at West Union closed Friday, with Miss Lucy Smith teacher, she is an excellent teacher and we hope she will teach next winter.

Miss Alice Rogers was visiting friends in this part last week.

A. Curry has returned from Highland where he has been the past winter.

Has to Draw the Line.

We are in receipt of a letter from Wm. E. Ervine, of St. Joseph Missouri, in which he tells us that he likes the whole paper, but has to draw the line on the Beloid Buzzard tales. Evidently Mr. Ervine does not live in a timber country for he asks if the people of Pocahontas realize the wealth they have in their almost boundless forests. In his town building material sells from \$18 to \$80 per thousand feet. He sees plainly the necessity of forest preservation and commends the recent communication from Greenbank which urged the planting of locust and other trees upon our now almost barren hillsides. Mr. Ervine encloses the memorial resolution passed by the Camp of Confederate Veterans of which he is a member, upon the recent death of General Gordon. They have a membership of ninety-five veterans, all old and grey, but within whose hearts the fire still burns. We join him in the wish that they may all pass over the river as victors and rest under the shade of the tree.

To Fight the San Jose Scale.

Representatives of the West Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station are holding field meetings in Greenbrier and Monroe Counties this week for the purpose of demonstrating the preparation and application of the Lime Sulphur Spray for the dread San Jose scale, which has already gotten a foothold in these counties and is threatening the fruit growing interests which is fast becoming one of no small moment. Each year sees more apple trees planted in the Greenbrier Valley than was formally planted in a decade. While Pocahontas is behind her sister counties, there is here a marked advancement towards better fruit and more of it. The recent statute requiring agents to have a license debars all but reliable nurseries from the field, and insures the buyer good trees and reduces the danger of importing stock afflicted with San Jose scale to a minimum. The Experimental Stations of the different states and the United States Department of Agriculture are doing a great work in checking the ravages of the San Jose scale and while it may never be entirely stamped out, fruit growing is possible and profitable in spite of it.

Lost Labors.

A society in England has set about to compile a handbook of words to take the place of curse-words. The book is for the special benefit of the soldiers, who have the reputation as a class of being profane to more than an ordinary degree. Everyone will admit that profanity is even worse than useless, but, as we judge a word to be good or bad by its associations, will not the words which are proposed to be substituted for those now deemed profane in time become as shocking to the refined ear as the ones they superseded? It is not the word used, but the manner in which it is used that conveys the real meaning of what we say.

BARGAINS

I can afford to sell at these prices for cash only.

Furniture.

Solid Oak Beds, standard width with porcelain castors \$1.93
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Ladies Jackets.

Nice, stylish up-to-date jackets for ladies, misses and children the kind you wanted to get but but the price kept you back. Now you can get a four dollar jacket for \$3.00
A five dollar jacket for \$4.00
Nice broadcloth and serge dress skirts, latest style and best workmanship, one-fourth off former price.
Misses' walking and dress skirts reduced 25 per cent. from regular price.

Dress Goods.

Melrose in black and colors. It is a nice soft material for dresses former price 50 cts., only 35c
Fifty inch all wool melton, a beautiful shade of gray, worth \$1, reduced price only 68c
SILK--36 inches wide, guarantee woven in each yard, a good shade of black, worth \$1.25, reduced to only 89c

Clothing.

My stock of clothing is the largest in the county and by far the best. It consists of a line of black and dark blue worsted in diagonal twill, also fine imported black clay worsted, dark gray tricolored and navy blue Slater's flannels, from \$2.50 up.
OVERCOATS for men, dress or rough wear from \$2.50 up. Children's Overcoats from \$1.48 up.
PANTS, I am overstocked in pants and will retail them at wholesale prices, a big line to select from.

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Roofing, Iron and Steel,
Building and Roofing Papers,
Studebaker Wagons,

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We have taken advantage of the low market in January and bought our stock for this season at prices below the market today and all believe far below what it will be a little later.

We desire to thank the people of Pocahontas and adjacent counties for the largest year's business we ever had, and promise for the future a larger stock and lower prices than before.

Send us your order for anything in HARDWARE, we will treat you right.

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